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MEMORANDUM

To:

Public Comment File: Concept Release on Over-the-Counter Derivatives, 63 F.R.

26144 (May 12, 1998)

From:

Office of Commissioner John E. Tull, Jr

Date:

August 4, 1998

Re:

Meeting with Representatives of various representatives interested in Over-the-

Counter Derivatives

On August 4, 1998, Commissioner Tull met with several individuals interested in Overthe-Counter transactions and specifically the CFTC's Concept Release concerning those instruments. Also present were David Condon and Madge Hamilton, legal advisers to Commissioner Tull. Those industry representatives attending the meeting were:

Mark Brickell — J.P. Morgan and International Securities Dealers Association ("ISDA")

Donald Moorehead — Patton Boggs Law Firm and ISDA

Mary Whalen — Williams & Jensen Law Firm and Securities Industry Association ("SIA")

Michael Stein — Morgan Stanley

Don Moorehead and Mark Brickell summarized ISDA's interest in working with the CFTC to find non-legislative means of (to paraphrase their choice of words) "calming the overthe-counter markets." Mary Whalen expressed similar views on behalf of SIA.

In an effort to avoid a legislatively mandated stand-still in response to the CFTC's Concept Release, Mr. Brickell promised to draft within the week a written statement of terms ISDA would propose that would 1) "calm the markets," 2) be something that the Commission could accept without compromising on the principles clearly delincated in the Concept Release

That is, first, some swaps—though not all—are or may be futures and, second, that the Commission is obligated by the Commodity Exchange Act to oversee OTC instruments meeting



the legal definition of a future and that are not subject to current statutory (e.g. under the "Treasury Amendment") or regulatory (e.g. CFTC Part 34 or Part 35) relief.

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Mark Brickell — J.P. Morgan and International Securities Dealers Association ("ISDA")

Donald Moorehead — Patton Boggs Law Firm and ISDA

Mary Whalen — Williams & Jensen Law Firm and Securities Industry Association ("SIA")

Mr. Brickell presented a draft document to Commissioner Tull outlining language ISDA believed would "calm the markets" (his choice of words) while not compromising the principles previously noted by the Commission in the Concept Release, Congressional testimony, and correspondence with Congressional leaders. The objective (as further explained in the Public Comment File Memorandum of Commissioner Tull's August 4, 1998 meeting) was to aide in the effort to find a non-legislative resolution to the controversy surrounding the Concept Release. Commissioner Tull took this information under advisement.